Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of claims:

- 1. (Amended) A method of delivering an application or service to a subscriber, said method comprising the steps of:
- (1) receiving a packet requesting delivery of said application or service from said subscriber at a communication device;
- (2) retrieving, after said step (1), a subscriber context referencing policies that describe applications and services available to said subscriber;
- (3) comparing said application or service requested by said packet with policies referenced by said subscriber context to identify matching policies;
- (4) referencing a service policy accessible for describing said application or service when requested by other subscribers to obtain a description of said matching policies; and
- (5) delivering said requested application or service from a service provider to said subscriber via said communication device according to said description of said matching policies obtained from said a service profile.
- 2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein each application or service is described by a single set of policies in said service profile, and wherein each request for said application or service is fulfilled according to said single set of policies.
- 3. (Amended) A method of delivering applications or services via a communication device in communication with a service provider and a subscriber, said method comprising

the steps of:

- (1) receiving a packet at said communication device from said subscriber;
- (2) obtaining a subscriber context <u>referencing policies</u> that references applications or services available to said subscriber by attempting to identify said subscriber, and authenticating said subscriber when said subscriber is not identified;

upon identifying or authenticating said subscriber, performing the steps of:

- (3) comparing said subscriber context with said packet; and
- (4) delivering one or more applications or services requested by said packet that are also referenced by said subscriber context from said service provider through said communication device to said subscriber.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of obtaining a subscriber context further comprises comparing said packet with packet source information accessible by said communication device.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of authenticating further comprises the step of dynamically retrieving said subscriber context from an off communication device data store.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said packet source information comprises identifiers for identifying an interface through which said packet was received.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said identifiers comprise at least one of: an IP address; a PPP session number; an ATM VCI or VPI; a physical interface number; or a VLAN tag.

- 8. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said comparing comprises comparing packet fields of said packet and of said subscriber context.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said packet fields comprise at least of: a source or destination IP address; a source or destination TCP/UDP port number; VLAN tag; or ToS/DSCP.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein services and applications are delivered according to inbound and outbound policies, and- wherein a least restrictive policy is applied.